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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Young People, Petting and the Scarlet Sin

How Necking and Petting Allure and Tempt Millions to Adultery

BY EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" — Matt. 5:8.

"Intreat . . . the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity" — I Timothy 5:1, 2.

"Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." — II Tim. 2:22.

"That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles that know not God." — I Thess. 4:4, 5.

The movies, the dance, the fad for nudity and the shameless uncovering of the bodies of women and girls lead to necking and petting. And necking and petting are the last step before adultery. I think we might say that cases of criminal attack and rape occur without petting, fondling and embracing and perhaps some cases of adultery with professional prostitutes do. But adultery rarely or never occurs between ordinary, decent people who want to do right, except through fondling, kissing and embracing, touching the bodies or seeing exposed bodies of the ones with whom the sin of adultery is committed. Necking and petting is, in countless cases, the road to adultery, a road that soon turns downhill, where people slide, even against their will, perhaps, to horrible sin. And all the other factors that lead to necking and petting—fondling and caressing between people who are not married, are leading straight toward adultery. Strip tease and leg shows; bathing suits which unduly expose the body, particularly women's bodies; magazine stories and pictures that turn the mind specially toward love-making; the movies; the embrace of the dance—these lead to sex desire and so to necking and petting. All these have broken down the modesty and natural inhibitions of purity, have even broken down the sense of respectability and decency,

till on every bathing beach, in every darkened movie theater, on front porch swings, even on the dance floor and (most deadly of all) in automobiles far from chaperones, young people make free with each others bodies, hug, kiss, and fondle each other. They pet when there is no pretence of actual love nor holy intention to marry. They do it promiscuously, as shamelessly as the mating of promiscuous barn-yard animals. They cheapen holy love, they prostitute holy instincts, they arouse the passions of their bodies and inflame lust in their minds. Then in countless millions of cases they take the next step, one that naturally follows, and commit the scarlet sin, adultery.

### The Bible on Caresses

The Bible frequently mentions caresses as proper and beautiful expressions of love. Christian men of the Bible often are said to have kissed one another. We suppose such a kiss was on the cheek. The noblest men in some European countries embrace one another and kiss each other on the cheek as an expression of love or admiration. So they did in Bible times. So Jacob kissed his father Isaac (Genesis 27:27). So Jacob and Esau kissed each other (Genesis 33:4). So Joseph kissed his brethren (Genesis 45:15). So Jonathan and David kissed one another (I

Samuel 20:41). So David kissed his son Absalom (II Samuel 14:33). So Absalom kissed the men of Israel and stole away their hearts from King David (II Samuel 15:6).

Among New Testament Christians the embrace and the kiss were frequently used as an expression of brotherly love. A most touching scene is that described when Paul came to Miletus and there, gathered to meet him were the elders of the church at Ephesus. Paul perceived that he would never see them again, so they fell upon Paul's neck and kissed him, did these godly men, with tears (Acts 20:37). And five times in the New Testament Christians were commanded to salute or greet one another with a holy kiss, or the kiss of brotherly love (Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 16:20; II Cor. 13:12; I Thess. 5:26; I Pet. 5:14). We suppose that in most cases, if not in all cases, it was intended that Christian men should greet Christian men with a kiss, and Christian women should greet Christian women so. But at least, we are to understand that caresses and affection were encouraged, with proper conventions. They are the normal expressions of loving

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## City-Wide Revival Campaign at Roanoke, Va.

The editor is now engaged in a revival campaign in the city auditorium, Roanoke, Virginia, sponsored by the Roanoke Evangelistic Association, with the cooperation of a number of churches, Baptist, Methodist and Brethren. The auditorium as seated at present holds 2,700 people, with room for more seats.

Rev. Percy Crawford began the campaign last Sunday afternoon and night, since I could not arrive till Tuesday. The famous "Young People's Church of the Air" was broadcast over many stations from the auditorium and in the Sunday afternoon and night services, I am told, many came forward to confess Christ as Savior or to return from their backsliding, or rededicate themselves again to God.

I began Tuesday night, with a good crowd which has steadily grown. Last night (Friday night, Feb. 12), I gave the first public invitation for people to come forward in public surrender to Christ and confession of Him as Savior. Ten or eleven came forward, several with tears, including those for the first time accepting Christ as Savior, backsliders who came to confess and forsake their sin, and some who had privately accepted Christ, but who now came to make public confession of their faith in Him. The youngest was about 17 or 18, I think. A grandmother was among those who came to confess Christ publicly for the first time, and her granddaughter was happily saved. A tall fine man came to confess Christ and immediately was followed by his father.

We expect great crowds Sunday

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## Good News for Bad Sinners

BY EVANGELIST CHARLES E. FULLER

(Preached on Old Fashioned Revival Hour Broadcast, January 10, 1943, mechanically recorded for the *Sword of the Lord* by special permission.)

You say, "Well, I guess I need salvation; but Brother Fuller, you don't know me, I am down in the deepest, darkest sin. Oh, I'm too far gone. I'm hopeless. You don't know my condition. I am bound by the fetters of sin and passion. There's no hope for me!" Well, you are just the man I want to talk to. You perhaps say, "Well, I know God can forgive sin, but does He have the power to cleanse and to wash and to make whole?" Let's see. Take your Bible, please, and turn with me to the fifth chapter of the gospel of Mark, verses 1 to 8, and let's see what God can do. This is not my illustration — this is God's illustration.

"And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him." Talk about your wild beasts! "And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones." And notice the next verse: "But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, and cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not." And then note how quietly Christ spoke to that man, torn by an unclean spirit: "For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit." Drop down to the fifteenth verse, "And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind."

Now don't take offense, sinful friend of mine. Every unregenerated person within the sound of my voice is not in his right mind. You are dead, alienated, and cut off from the light which is in Christ Jesus. Only when you become converted and turn to God and accept God's beloved Son do you become clothed in your right mind.

There you are — he was in his right mind. "And they were afraid." Can God save? Yes!

Drop down to the twenty-fifth verse of that same chapter, please, and notice another instance: "And a certain woman which had an issue of blood twelve years and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse," — now will you notice it? Underline the little word heard. "Faith cometh by

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CHAS. FULLER

## Blessed Revival in Wheaton College

Chapel Service Lasting from 10:00 A.M. to Past 5:00 P.M., February 10th, With Students and Faculty Weeping; Fifty Yet Standing Waiting to Confess Their Sins.

Wheaton College at Wheaton, Illinois, is a great Christian College, with a devoutly Christian faculty, with highest standards of Christian conduct and life for students. The student body, from all over America totals over 1,000. The editor has two daughters students there, Grace, a sophomore, Mary Lloys, a freshman.

For some time there has been a deep concern on the part of the president, the faculty and many students for a revival. The greatly increased student body, drawn partly from homes and high schools not accustomed to the very strict standards of Christian conduct demanded at Wheaton, had a good many students who were worldly and some who actively rebelled, we suppose, at the strict rules of this greatest of independent Christian colleges. Some of the students were still unsaved. In chapel the burdened president had been earnestly pleading for new consecration of Christians, for a more godly walk, and of course, for the salvation of lost students. A student prayer meeting was continued each day by a few students, begging God for a gracious revival, greater than the sweet visitation of 1936. My freshman daughter, Mary Lloys chose as subject

for a theme, "The Need for Revival in Wheaton College." Now, praise the Lord, it has come. Our brother, Rev. Warren, of Flint, Michigan, is in Wheaton College for the week, one of two weeks given by the college each year, I understand, in revival services morning and evening.

I am now at Roanoke, Virginia, and cannot give complete details, but just scraps of information that come in letters today from home. Mrs. Rice writes:

"They are having a big revival at the college. It is now 3:30 p.m. and chapel is still going on. (Chapel service begins at 10:00—Editor.) Everyone who has come in from there (to the Sword Book Room, she means) was crying. A young fellow came in and said he had cried for five hours. He said he was about to die so he had to get out, Grace and Mary Lloys are in the midst of it. They came to work (they work part time in *The Sword* office) but are going back as soon as they can. I heard them reporting in the office that for hours the folks had been confessing their sins, they said things you never had heard of. They seem to be really having a great meeting. It was not planned, but classes are

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## The Most Interesting Story I Ever Heard

BY DR. BOB JONES

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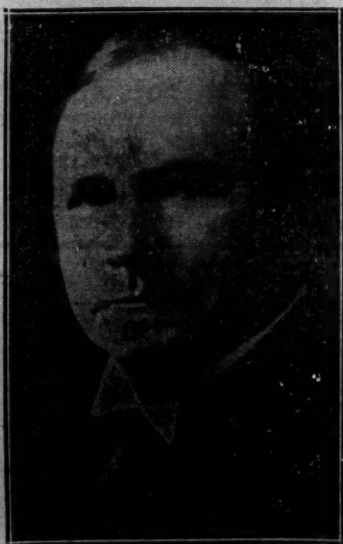
The most interesting story I ever heard was told me years ago by a man over eighty years of age. We were sitting together on a projecting rock of a mountainside in Arkansas. Here's the story:

"I was down in this country during the Civil War. Across on the other side yonder there were hundreds of tents where our soldiers were encamped. Measles broke out and many of our brave lads died. The epidemic got so bad we stretched some tents farther down the valley and moved all the measles patients into these tents. This, or course, was done to protect as far as possible the health of the well soldiers. I was wardmaster in charge of the tents where the measles patients were located.

"One night while I was on the ward I passed a bunk where there was a very sick soldier lad not more than seventeen years of age. The boy looked at me with a pathetic expression and said, 'Wardmaster, I believe I am going to die. I am not a Christian. My mother isn't a Christian. My father isn't a Christian. I never had any Christian training. I never did attend church. I did go with a boy friend to Sunday school just once. A woman taught the Sunday School class. She seemed to be such a good woman. She read us something out of the Bible about

a man—I think his name was Nicodemus. Anyway, it was about a man who went to see Jesus one night. Jesus told this man he must be born again. The teacher said all people must be born again in order to go to heaven when they die. I have never been born again,

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DR. BOB JONES



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hearts, when under proper safeguards.

Under the safeguard of ties of blood the kiss between men and women is often proper, for example, the kiss of father and daughter. So Laban kissed his married daughters, and his grandchildren (Genesis 31:55). Jacob kissed his cousin Rachel (Genesis 29:11). No doubt that first kiss was on the basis of kinship, yet from that day they seemed to love one another and later married. Thus we see that strong bonds of natural affection, safeguarded by character and the sense of responsibility, make kisses proper between father and daughter, mother and son, and in other cases where there are strong ties of blood and where sex attraction would be properly curbed.

The Saviour seems to have been pleased with the affection of John, the apostle who put his head on Jesus' breast. He was also greatly pleased when a poor, fallen woman who came to Him for forgiveness kissed His feet repeatedly, wept over Him and then dried His feet with the hair of her head (Luke 7:38-45).

It has long been the custom in some circles that when a godly pastor reads the marriage ceremony for a bride who has grown up in his church, that he should give her a kiss of congratulation and love, a chaste kiss upon the cheek, as a father might. And surely in cases of long friendship the pastor who may have led to Christ and baptized the little girl now grown to womanhood might, without offense or wrong so express his love and well wishes. And so might others, in reverence, be blameless about such a caress. I remember when long years ago I went to the army during World War No. I and a godly woman kissed me on the cheek, in the place of the mother who had long before gone to Heaven. Under proper safeguards and obeying sensible conventions, caresses may be proper and good.

I am saying that caresses ought to be beautiful and blessed, they ought to come from the heart, they ought never to lead us wrong but make us richer and happier and stronger to do right.

But since caresses are intended to be holy and beautiful things, they should be safeguarded like all holy things. The story of drunken Lot committing incest with his two daughters shows that when alcohol breaks down the natural restraints of parental love, caresses may be shameful. The story of Amnon, his love and shameful rape of his half-sister, Tamar (I Sam. 13:1-14) shows that even between brother and sister there needs to be a proper reserve to avoid temptation and sin. The truth is, of course, that wicked and licentious men or women may make unholy and vile that which ought to be sweet and noble and pure.

### Married Love and the Petting of Husband and Wife

The Bible gives us a beautiful exposition of chaste and holy married love. The Song of Solomon tells the story of a bridegroom and a bride. I believe the book pictures the love of Christ for His church and the church for Christ. But it certainly also pictures the love, the ecstasy and the mutual joy of a young couple whose love has now led to matrimony. In the Song of Solomon every bridegroom can find some of his own holy exultation over the beauty of his bride's body and the sweetness of her surrender. Solomon, we think, is pictured as the bridegroom. And this is the way he spoke:

"Behold, thou art fair, my love;

behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead.

"Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing; whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them.

"Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks.

"Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men.

"Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee."

—Song of Solomon 4:1-4, 7.

And again the bridegroom says: "How beautiful are thy feet with shoes, O prince's daughter! The joints of thy thighs are like jewels, the work of the hands of a cunning workman.

"Thy navel is like a round goblet, which wanteth not liquor: thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about with lilies.

"Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins.

"Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bathrabbim: thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

"Thine head upon thee is like Carmel, and the hair of thine head like purple; the king is held in the galleries.

"How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!

"This thy stature is like to a palm tree, and thy breasts to clusters of grapes.

"I said, I will go up to the palm tree, I will take hold of the boughs thereof: now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of the vine, and the smell of thy nose like apples;

"And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine for my beloved, that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak." —Song of Solomon 7:1-9

This is holy ground. These Scriptures ought to be read reverently; and such love-making, of course, is for husband and wife. It is proper and is evidently God's plan that a husband should be proud of the beauties of his wife's body, that she should be "all fair" to him. But the picture here given would be defiled and unholy if it represented mere lustful fondling and petting between two people who are not given to each other for a lifetime, two people whose bodies have not become one flesh, two people who have not promised themselves wholly to each other.

I think it proper here to also mention how the Scripture pictures the bride as feeling toward her husband.

"Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine." —Song of Solomon 1:2.

"A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

"My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.

"Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold thou art fair; thou hast doves eyes.

"Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.

"The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir."

—Song of Solomon 1:13-17.

"He brought me to the banquetting house, and his banner over me was love.

"Stay me with flagons, comfort me with apples: for I am sick of love.

"His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me." —Song of Solomon 2:4-6.

Of the right kind of pure married love, Song of Solomon 8:6, 7 says,

"Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be condemned."

This love is as strong as death. This love cannot be quenched by

water nor drowned by floods nor bought by all the substance of one's house. But it must be pure married love with each of the mates given wholly to the other and with their love undefiled by sin, for "jealousy is cruel as the grave."

The Scriptures given above are the inspired Word of God. They are holy; they are good. They should be read reverently. Dr. Scofield says: "Nowhere in Scripture does the unspiritual mind tread upon ground so mysterious and incomprehensible as in this book, while the saintliest men and women of the ages have found it a source of pure and exquisite delight. That the love of the divine Bridegroom should follow all the analogies of the marriage relation seems evil only to minds so ascetic that marital desire itself seems to them unholy."

Absolute freedom of caresses and love-making and fondling is proper within marriage. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). In the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve, who were as pure and sinless as the angels of God, were naked and were not ashamed (Gen. 2:25).

But all this is clearly intended for married people, and it is clearly wicked and vile when the petting, caressing and fondling is a matter of unholy lust, uncurbed, characterless animalism, instead of proper, sanctified, married love.

It is obviously intended that intimate love-making and petting is to lead to sex relations. And that means that such intimate petting and fondling is for married people.

It is also quite clear from the Scriptures that kisses and caresses, when outside of marriage, often lead to adultery.

For example, Proverbs 7 tells how a simple youth, void of understanding, is led into sin by an harlot. "So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him.... Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with loves" (Prov. 7:13, 18). So kisses and flattery and the enjoyment of a woman's body may be expected to lead to adultery.

In Proverbs 5:15-23 the Scripture gives these plain words:

"Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well.

"Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets.

"Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee.

"Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

"Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.

"And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

"For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.

"His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

"He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray."

Here we are plainly told that certain privileges of petting are for the married couple only and nobody else. "Rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love," says the Lord. Such intimacies are reserved for the husband and wife. Otherwise they are likely to lead to adultery and bring the curse of God.

And several times God speaks of fondling of the breasts as a part of the sin of whoredom or adultery (Ezekiel 23:8, 21).

In Deuteronomy 22:28 God's Word gives the punishment that shall be meted out in this particular case of adultery. "If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found." But hardly noticeable in this King James translation of the Bible, is an indication that petting or for a man to handle the body of a woman precedes and often leads to adultery. The Hebrew word *taphas*, which is here

translated *lay hold on* is translated once to *hold*, three times is translated *catch*, and eight times it is translated *handle*. The word used here about a man's laying hold on a girl is primarily "to handle." And the *handling* would naturally lead to adultery, as this verse indicates.

Another striking provision of the Mosaic law is given in Deuteronomy 25:11, 12 which says, "When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets: then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity her."

Could there be any stronger evidence of the danger and wickedness of men and women outside of wedlock taking liberties with each other's bodies?

### Sex Passion and Bodily Desires When Encouraged Often Overwhelm Reason and Override the Will

It is well to remember that sex is of God. God prepared the bodies of men and women so each would feel a need for the other and so both, united in holy marriage, might have part in the reproduction of the race. Nature, by God's plan, has so arranged that the whole-hearted love of man and his wife will lead them to sex intercourse and the conception of children. In other words, God planned that in the natural course of events all normal marriages would properly and automatically result in children. So love-making stirs sex desires. But when, outside of marriage, sex desire is stimulated by petting, it may overcome all restraints. Modesty, Christian rearing, purity of heart, good intentions, will power — all these may be broken down before the force of aroused sex desire.

In other words, sex instinct is an automatic matter. It is one of the most powerful of all human instincts, and is said to be stronger than any instinct except that of self-preservation. We must remember that many matters and habits of life carry themselves on without the will. So, just as a drunkard might take a glass of beer and then be absolutely unable to control his desire until he was dead drunk, so men and women or young people who play with the sex feeling by petting and fondling one another and by hugs and kisses are likely to find themselves swept off their feet, and led on into the actual sin of adultery, which they never planned. When people trifle with the human body, then sometimes bodily passions take control and are stronger than the will, stronger than character.

And we must remember that this is as true about women as about men. It is as true about good men as it is about bad men. Sex desire, strongly aroused, is often practically beyond control. The fact that the desire, when directed toward anyone but one's own married mate is sinful and dangerous may be ignored just as the danger and sin of drink, or of dope-taking are ignored when a deep-seated craving has been aroused by long habit, but the sin and the danger are there, nevertheless.

The best Christian in the world, if he is not a good enough Christian to keep him from petting, may not be a good enough Christian to keep from adultery.

Lust may be as powerful if aroused by a casual acquaintance as if it were a holy desire between man and wife. And just as the drunkard may make tearful promises and sign pledges and vow he will never grieve his wife by drinking again, but then, if he takes one glass of beer, may plunge into drunkenness and ruin again, so a man or woman may break all his vows and forget all his promises and all of his pure love for somebody else under the blinding, soul-paralyzing effect of an aroused sex desire.

A young woman attended a dance with her sweetheart to whom she was engaged to be married. After dancing several times with a high school friend, whom she did not love, she and he both became deeply aroused, and they were led into the scarlet sin. Weeping, she told me later that she did not love that young man but that she still loved the boy to whom she was engaged to be married. She had been utterly swept off her feet by physical instincts which are perfectly

normal, instincts which all normal people have, but which should never have been aroused to any strong degree but in marriage and by her own husband.

Sex is a gift from God. It is meant for our happiness and our good. It is meant to tie husband and wife together in mutual love and devotion through a long life. It is meant to result in happy families and beloved children. But when perverted and used wickedly, contrary to God's commands, sex can become the most deadly enemy of any man or woman and lead to horrible ruin.

### Petting Prepares the Body for the Marriage Relation

Petting, as the term is often used among young people, referring to the intimate fondling and embracing which cause strong sex excitement, is intended only for mates. Normally, the body prepares itself for its various functions. For example, the sight and smell of food causes the blood to go to the stomach of a hungry person and starts saliva to running in the mouth and gastric juice in the stomach, to digest food. Fear causes certain glands to secrete extracts which in the blood prepare the body for violent action. Fear causes the eyes to dilate to see any danger. Fear automatically causes the breathing to be deeper, and the body takes in more oxygen, preparing to fight or run. So petting stimulates the body to prepare for the sex act. Blood vessels are enlarged near the sex organs and they are filled with blood, become larger and more sensitive, increasing sex desire. Certain glands are stimulated to discharge secretions. In the man the semen is produced more rapidly, and millions of germ cells are prepared. The condition of the body then cries out for mating. The heart beats faster, the breathing may be deeper. This condition is caused by hugs, kisses, and such necking, spooning or petting as is customary among young people. It is caused by the close physical contact of the dance. It is also caused when the mind and imagination become centered on sex matters, as in observing a sex movie or reading sex stories, seeing nude pictures, or the exposed bodies of the opposite sex.

And this stimulation, particularly in the case of the man, is not temporary. The large amount of the sex fluid produced in the male organs has a tendency to continually cause sex desire until it is released, either in a sex union, or in self-abuse, or in a "wet dream." Wet dreams coming oftener than a few weeks apart are likely caused by extra sex stimulation.

Even the memory of petting continues to stir the imagination and sex desire long afterward.

All thoughtful married people know that what I say here is true, and young people who have indulged in petting and have carefully analyzed what took place know there is terrible temptation in petting.

### Other Harmful Results of Petting Besides Adultery

Though petting often leads to adultery and brings great danger to all who indulge in it, there are other very harmful results. If you by God's mercy are not led into the scarlet sin by petting, these other results may cost you much in the future.

First, promiscuous petting and fondling of others now may lose much of the sweetness of marriage later on. Much of the beauty of marriage is that it is new and fresh, enjoyed by two alone. What man, after he has examined the bodies of other girls or women, has fondled them, handled them, hugged them and kissed them, can come to his wife with the same

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holy awe and reverence and joy as if he had lived pure and clean and had saved his body and his sex interests wholly for her? On the other hand, do you think any man will enjoy the charms of his wife as well, if he knows that she has been handled, fondled, caressed and had her passions aroused by the petting of a number of other men? No doubt, petting before marriage tends to make marriage insecure. No doubt many are divorced because there was no sweetness, no holy soul-union in marriage. The early experiences of married life ought to bind husband and wife together forever in mutual love and respect and delight. They ought to grow to feel that they were each made for the other and for no one else, and that each holds a place in the other's heart and life and experience that no one else ever has held or could hold. If marriage does not mean certain exclusive rights, then why should men and women feel themselves bound by marriage? Petting before marriage certainly sometimes leads to divorce after marriage.

Second, petting often loses a girl a good chance to marry happily. Even though men may be tempted, and may tempt girls to pet, often men of high ideals are then disgusted with the girls who allow themselves to be pawed over. Women and girls who have no respect for their own bodies often lose the respect of the men with whom they pet. From long association with men and young men, I know, and hundreds of cases prove, that men will sometimes go with a girl whom they would not marry and will pet with girls whom they would not marry under any circumstances. Any sensible man is bound to feel that if the principal attraction a girl has is her body she would not make a steadfast and desirable wife. And men often feel that a girl who will pet would go farther. What man wants to marry the girl that he feels might have committed adultery with any man she allowed to fondle her body?

Again, petting leads to many hasty and unhappy marriages. Sometimes after petting has led to adultery, young people who do not really love each other feel forced to marry. Recently a woman told me how she had hated her husband for many years. They went too far in their petting. Aroused desire led to adultery, and she felt bound to marry him, though after their sin she did not respect him and always blamed him for it. How many unhappy homes are so caused! Or petting may lead to such strong sex desire that it is mistaken for love. Many times people seem madly in love. Yet when the honeymoon is over they find they have almost nothing in common. They do not enjoy each other's company. *Sex appeal alone is the poorest basis in the world for a happy marriage!* Even the European plan where parents plan the marriages of young people who do not yet love each other, but who learn love after marriage, in the long run proves much happier than marriages based on sex passion only. A mate chosen for good family, beauty of character and personality is much more apt to make a happy home than one chosen for temporary sex appeal. Of course, the ideal way is that people should learn to love each other before marriage, but that this love should be based principally on character, on real admiration and unity of interests and plans, and sanctified by a clear sense of God's leading and blessing. When a marriage is based simply on the sex passion which is aroused in petting, then beauty wanes, or the mate seems to become common, that which bound the marriage together is gone and either party may be attracted to an outsider, as happens in many, many cases, and a broken home results. Marriages which simply follow sex passion are not likely to be happy nor successful marriages.

Besides, there is great bodily harm in the stimulation of petting which arouses sex passion but does not satisfy it. Often inflammation results in both men and women; the constant arousing of desire may result in self-abuse, causing guilty consciences or even nervous breakdowns sometimes. With men there is often a serious loss in

semen which depletes the physical strength and sometimes affects the mind. In middle life many men suffer from prostate gland trouble, requiring a serious operation, because of prolonged sex stimulation in youth, such as petting brings.

One of the most lamentable results of petting is that sex matters come to absorb the mind, to draw it away from wholesome pleasures and work and duties. Ordinary pleasures lose their attraction to people who give themselves to petting. I have known men who developed a state of mind in which every look at a woman was a lustful one and who all through the day talked of sex matters among their friends. Evil thoughts and a habit of dwelling upon obscene matters may last for years. Many, many Christian men have told me that an improper stirring of sex passions and dwelling on sex matters in youth had left them with a recurring of evil thoughts long later, which to ok much praying and often much sorrow to overcome.

Sex, when properly used is blessed of God and results in happiness and health and usefulness for both men and women. But when perverted, and when sex desires are aroused by illegitimate fondling and petting of the opposite sex, great harm may result.

### Some Rules About Love-Making To Avoid Sin

Friendship, comradeship, enjoying the fellowship of the opposite sex, is proper for girls and boys of all ages, and for grown men and women whether married or not married. But love-making is another matter. I believe that these rules will be helpful.

First, the acts of love are all

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## The Most Exhaustive Book on Prayer We Have Ever Seen

The People's Magazine, Toronto, Canada, in issue for January-February, 1943, says, "Dr. John R. Rice, well-known evangelist, has written the most exhaustive book on prayer we have ever seen. It is entitled *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*." The appraisal continues: "This book contains 328 pages. Every chapter shows extensive research and investigation. Dr. Rice has never written a better book. His own personal experiences will be studied with the greatest of interest. The introduction is by Dr. Oswald J. Smith."

Without a single exception thus far, the reviews in outstanding Christian magazines have been very favorable. Often they have been really enthusiastic. Moody Monthly, The Watchman Examiner, The Baptist Standard, Moody Church News, The Pilot, and other papers have praised the book, as have some of the most prominent Christian leaders. Large orders are coming from publishers and from dealers. We trusted that God would bless the book and that it would sell well. Therefore we had printed 10,000 copies the first printing, an almost unheard-of first edition of a religious book. But by such a large edition we were able to make the price only \$1.25 per copy, instead of \$2.50, as it would have needed to be with a small edition. Readers will be interested to know that the setting up of type, correcting proof and making up pages alone cost over \$1,000, before the paper was bought or a page printed or a single copy bound! That cost was distributed over 10,000 copies, however, so that the price is only \$1.25 per copy, postpaid.

With 328 large pages filled with reading matter, with 21 chapters on various phases of prayer as God's way for His people to get what they need and desire, it is indeed an exhaustive book on prayer. We believe it has fully twice as much material and three or four times as many scriptures taught and explained on prayer as any other book on prayer we have ever seen. We will gladly return the money of anyone who finds the book less than expected, or in his opinion not worth more than the small price.

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## 46 Decisions from 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' Booklet in Chattanooga Schools; 3,000 More Sent

Mrs. R. D. Hazlett, one of the fine, sound Bible teachers in Chattanooga, Tennessee, public schools secured engagements for the editor in the public schools, and as a result of those gospel services, last October, hundreds of students in both white and colored schools were saved. We gave out many hundreds of copies of the little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" A recent letter from Mrs. Hazlett says, "I am enclosing some of the signed decision pages from your booklets. These young people would be glad for any further help that you might feel would help them live for the Lord." Enclosed were decision pages signed by forty-six young people!

I had promised to send as many copies of the booklet as were requested by teachers in any or all of Chattanooga public schools, so Mrs. Hazlett said the total requests by teachers would reach 3,000 copies, she thought. That many copies have already been mailed to her. I hope more will be needed, and will gladly send as many as are needed to let every school child who wants a copy and would read it have one.

I am glad to make the same offer to other school teachers. Will you simply give the booklets to all of your pupils who want them, if I will send them free of charge? If so, please write me, simply telling me how many you will require. The offer is good for public schools, high schools, church schools, Sunday schools, D.V.B.S.'s, child evangelism classes, business colleges or colleges. Please, Christian readers, make this offer known to school teachers and all workers with young people and children. The booklet is not denominational, it is simple, scriptural, and so popular that we have had to print over three quarters of a million copies. It will not usually be offensive to Jews or Catholics or those of other faiths, because it does not seek to build up any sect or denomination, but to get people to personally trust Christ for salvation. Will you see if you can contact teachers or workers who might like to give these booklets away freely?

We will gladly send sample copies to any who write for them. We will gladly furnish free copies for soldiers, sailors or marines, for those in jails and rescue missions, or to be given out to factory workers, provided only that they be given to people who ask for them or agree to read them. Will you write us, tell us what plan you have for getting them out and say how many you can prayerfully use, without waste, giving them to people who want them and will read them? We will send them freely, in Jesus' name.

For those who want to help in the printing and mailing cost, we can say that they cost us about \$1.00 a hundred, for this 24-page booklet, printed on tinted paper, in brown ink, with pictured cover. But if you can help get the booklets to those who will read them, we are assured that God will supply the expenses, so we urge you to ask for what you will prayerfully use as suggested, even if you cannot send a penny.

Write for sample or a supply, telling your plans of distribution, to Evangelist John R. Rice  
145 North Hale St.  
Wheaton, Ill.

### SHABBY LIVING

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit." Psalm 51: 10-12.

A Christian who detours from the walk with Christ into the Highway of the Devil may fancy for a while that it's all good going. But not for long! There is no sharper anguish than the rising tide of self loathing in a believer who has fallen to shabby living. Gone is that "clean sense of God" which made former days so wholesome. And the cheap indulgences for which he sold his birthright are found to be filled with ashes, like

## GOOD NEWS FOR BAD SINNERS

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hearing and hearing by the Word of God." "...When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment." There was a multitude around about Christ, all touching Him, and yet there was only one that pressed through the throng and touched Him by faith, and that channel of faith began to work. "When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue (power, life) had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?" I want to say to you, wherever you may be, out of the millions listening in, every soul that will reach out by faith and touch the Son of God and say, "Have mercy on me; God be merciful to me, a sinner," will become immediately whole.

I wish I had time to go to the eleventh chapter of the gospel of John, and there speak about the brother of Mary and Martha who lay in the grave. Corruption had set in; and Jesus, standing at the tomb said, "Roll away the stone." He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth," and Lazarus came forth, walking, even though he was bound with graveclothes. Is God able? Let me just quote you one verse of Scripture in closing: "Wherefore he (God) is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25). Can't you take God at His word? "He is able to save you to the uttermost, if you will come unto God by Christ, seeing He (Christ) ever liveth to make intercession for you. And God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Will you come? Oh, listen, friend of mine, down in the depths of sin, He will receive you now if you will come. In a house of shame, drop on your knees and let God save you. Soldier boy of mine, in some bar,

the apples of Sodom.

Well, there will be some who will read or hear these lines and find them a sudden cut of the sword across the shoulders. Their spirits will start up miserably, wondering if the masquerade is over. Listen! We're happy over your sorrow, provided it takes you in hand through God's way back. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance.... sorry after a Godly manner.... For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of!"

Nothing can take the place of "the right Spirit"—that is, the Spirit who abides within when we are right. No loss is so impoverishing as to live on without His fellowship, no let down so terrific as to be denied His "upholding."

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drinking your life away, come right now, won't you? Open your heart and let the Christ of eternity come in. Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Our Father, we thank Thee for this marvelous gospel, this good news of thy love, of Christ dying in our stead, that is the power of God unto salvation — not our preaching, not our words, but the proclaiming of the gospel. Lord Jesus, Heavenly Father, Holy Spirit, bring hundreds, thousands to Thyself through the proclaiming of Thy message that Thou dost honor: for we ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

Oh, sinner, you who are afar off from God, He has made a way that you may come nigh. How? By the blood of one who died on the cross for you nineteen hundred years ago, God's Son. God was satisfied with His Son's work on Calvary's cross, paying the penalty for sin, and raised Him from the dead as a seal of our justification. "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God." Notice how beautifully He puts it in another place, how if we confess Him before men — if we shall believe in our hearts and confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus we shall be saved. Will you believe on the Lord Jesus? Oh, I plead with you, friend of mine, that soul of yours, eternally destined, God wants you, God loves you, and if you accept Christ as your personal Saviour you will spend eternity with Him, a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ. God bless you as you are making the decision. Slip out of your chair, down on your knees, and say, "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner, and save me; for Christ's sake." We trust, by God's grace, to be with you next Sunday. Good-bye, God bless you.

### MY DECISION FOR CHRIST

Dear reader, if you are a lost sinner, and if you will turn today to Christ with all your heart and trust Him to save you, will you tell the Lord so today, definitely settling the matter in your heart, then sign the following statement or copy it or write a letter in your own words, confessing Christ today? The editor will gladly write you a personal letter and offer counsel and help in living a Christian life.

Editor John R. Rice  
*Sword of the Lord*  
145 N. Hale St., Wheaton, Ill.  
Dear Brother Rice:

After reading Mr. Charles E. Fuller's message "Good News for Bad Sinners" in the *Sword of the Lord*, I confess myself a poor lost sinner who needs salvation. So here and now I repent of my sins, and turn my heart to Jesus Christ for salvation. I accept Him as my Savior, I depend upon Him today to forgive my sins and give me eternal life. I thank Him for dying for me, and believe that his death paid for my sins, and that today He saves me.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## I MUST HAVE GOD

I MUST HAVE GOD!

I couldn't walk this thorny way  
With stone beneath and cloud above,  
Or meet the struggle of each day  
Without His love.

I MUST HAVE GOD!

I couldn't stand the hours at night  
Or troubled day with all its length,  
Or overlook what others say  
Without His strength.

I MUST HAVE GOD!

I couldn't carry on my lips  
A song of cheer, a word to ease  
The aching of another's heart,  
Without His peace.

I MUST HAVE GOD!

I couldn't share the grief of those  
Who need my help along life's way,  
Or comfort one in need of peace  
Unless I pray.

Amy Wellington



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ways improper and wicked when they are not sincere. When a boy and girl kiss, and when the kiss is a lie, then it is a sin. When they act like people who are married, or like those who have already pledged themselves each to the other until death, and when that is not the real feeling and intention of their hearts, then their love-making is a lie. It is insincere and wicked. The love of two good friends, or even the love of a brother and sister does not demand liberties each with the other's body. If you are not married, then do not act like you are married. If you do not plan to marry, then do not act as if you plan to marry. Any petting or fondling on insincere grounds is wicked and dangerous.

Second, here is a rule for engaged people. When two people have come to know that they sincerely love each other and that as a result of this permanent and tested love they plan to marry, certainly they would not act as if they were strangers, nor as if they were casual friends. I believe that honorable and earnest Christian people, when engaged, would naturally expect some caressing in most cases, but this need not always be so. Under proper conventional safeguards I believe good people would usually not begrudge

engaged lovers their holding hands and an honest good night kiss. Yet some of the happiest couples I have known never even kissed each other until after marriage. But engaged couples need to hold themselves to strict account. They are not married, and they ought not to act like married people. They have need to observe certain decencies and certain restraints in their love-making. Those who truly love one another can wait for a little while to enjoy each other fully after marriage.

When engaged couples fondle each other overmuch the stimulation of sex desire may make them very unhappy. It is foolish to arouse, strongly, desires which we have no right to satisfy. On the other hand, engaged couples who tempt themselves may fall into the great sin of adultery. Though they are engaged, yet the adultery is a great sin and sometimes has heart-breaking results.

A young man sadly told me of the breaking of all his plans for the future. He loved a beautiful girl, and she loved him. But in their freedom each with the other their aroused bodily passions overcame them. Not waiting for marriage they abused their love in the scarlet sin. And then love died. He told me that each of them were so ashamed and heartsick and so lost respect for each other that their love altogether disappeared and marriage was impossible. So, young people, if you want happy marriages, then while you are engaged be moderate and decent. See that no critic can ever hint later that you were impure before marriage. See that there is such reverence, each for the other's body, that marriage will be all the sweeter because of your present loving restraint. See that your love-making be so modest that it does not unduly arouse passions, but only expresses affection in a way that would not grieve the blessed Holy Spirit of God and in a way that you will never have cause to regret, and in a way of which you will never have cause to be ashamed.

And if by petting and too much intimacy engaged couples are led into the scarlet sin, even if they go on and marry, it will probably be the cause of constant grief. The husband when angry may accuse the wife that she was impure before marriage. And both may feel that the other was so weak in character they may have likewise sinned with others, or would have done so if strongly tempted. The only way to the best happiness in marriage is in continence and honorable self-control and decent love before marriage.

We have written plainly and at some length on this subject of petting, believing that millions of young people who sin and are tempted to commit the scarlet sin after the customary petting might be saved heartbreak and much trouble and sin if they were lovingly and intelligently warned.

### Christian's Body Should Be Kept Sacredly for God, Who Dwells Within

The Christian young person has a special reason to be careful about misuse of bodily passions. His body is the temple of the Holy Spirit of God, who dwells within. First Corinthians 6:13-20 warns us, "the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord," (verse 13), that "your bodies are the members of Christ" (verse 15), that sex sins are special sins against the body as no other sins are, (verse 18). Then we are given the plain command: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (verses 19 and 20).

But even unconverted young people, and older ones, must remember that they are not brute beasts, to live like animals, revelling in sex passion promiscuously, without lawful and holy bonds, without sacred fidelity to a God given mate. For we are made in the image of God. Christ had a human body like ours. How wicked to debase ourselves and defile our bodies with unholy lust, deliberately inflaming sex passion like whoremongers and harlots, when we were made to be the temples of God!

It will make a difference when

you pray. For Timothy, a Christian young man, was commanded, "Flee also youthful lusts; but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (II Tim. 2:21). Can you "call on the Lord out of a pure heart," if you do not "flee youthful lusts." And Timothy was commanded to treat the younger women "as sisters, with all purity." That certainly shows that he could not please God by fondling them, kissing them, embracing them, till both he and they were sexually aroused and their minds defiled with desire.

Marriage is holy, and there is no blame, no defilement, no sin, in the love-life of husband and wife, who reverently remember that they belong to each other and to God. But how the Holy Spirit must be grieved when His temples our bodies, are defiled by necking and petting! No Christian can maintain his spiritual prosperity who so sins against his body and against others and against God.

### Be Charitable; Do Not Judge Harshly

I feel that older people need here a special warning. Many who read this message are older people. Your eyes are opened more than the eyes of many young people on the dangers of sex sins. Sometimes Christians who were licentious and vile in their early lives before they were saved, now think they see every kind of wickedness in young people who simply follow the easy but dangerous and wrong customs of the world, having never been taught what petting may lead to. Certainly petting and love-making is far more wicked when it is deliberately planned to lead to adultery than when ignorant young people, unwarned do not mean more than good fellowship and friendly affection. Promiscuous petting among young people is still deadly dangerous and wrong, however innocent the intentions, but we do wrong to be bitter and accuse of wicked intentions those who it may be, have never entertained the idea of adultery and would be surprised to know their danger.

Younger people, and those older people whose mind is defiled with a wicked past and wicked thoughts must likewise be careful not to judge others. God sees the heart. Good doctors, often Christian men, may, having become accustomed to the care of women patients, operations, and childbirth, find themselves disciplined till they are not specially tempted by necessary contact with the opposite sex in professional duties. That would demand high ideals, a good conscience and a clean mind. Should we think evil of every time relatives embrace at parting? One of the most modest women I know, a remarkable, Spirit-filled soul-winner, one night after long pleading and teaching won a man to Christ as his wife joined in the intreaty, and then hugged the man in joy when he was saved. It was unusual. In a younger woman, dealing with a stranger, the embrace would have been out of place. It might have been hurtful, and would have, at least, been subject to unfavorable comment. But in that godly woman, so wholly given to soul winning, none present thought it anything but the natural reaction of joy over a sinner won after much pleading. I wanted to embrace him, too. Age has a tendency to cool the passions of youth if people live cleanly. And when minds are pure and kept in holy restraint people are kept more easily from sin.

I have said the above lest polluted minds set out to make evil of every act by innocent people. If we ourselves are clean in heart we can help others to see the danger in promiscuous petting and necking, but we would sin greatly if we set out to judge the hearts of others, accusing them of intentions they may not have, and of sins they may not have committed.

Oh, young people, let us so live that the Blessed Spirit of God within us will not be grieved, so we will not be led into grievous sin nor tempt others to sin, and also so we may not cause others to be offended or to stumble, and Christ's cause be hurt.

As a minister of Jesus Christ I send this message out with prayer that it may bless many. Extra copies may be had of this paper at three cents for one copy, two cents each in quantities, as long as they last. I specially invite comments from ministers and from young people.

## The Most Interesting Story I Ever Heard

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and I don't want to die like this. Won't you please get the chaplain so he can tell me how to be born again?"

The old man hesitated for a moment. "You know, in those days I was an agnostic—at least, that is what I called myself. As a matter of fact, I wasn't anything but an old sinner. So I told the boy, 'You don't need a chaplain. Just be quiet now. Don't worry, you'll be all right.' I went on around the ward and in about an hour I came back to the boy's bed. He looked at me out of such sad, staring eyes as he said, 'Wardmaster, if you won't get me the chaplain, please get me the doctor. I am choking to death.' 'All right, my son, I'll get you the doctor,' I said. So I went off and found the doctor and he came, mopped out the throat of the lad so he could breathe just a little easier. I knew the boy was going to die. I had seen many other cases just like his. The boy was so sweet he literally climbed into

my heart. He thanked me for my kindness. He thanked the doctor for being so good to him. The doctor and I went away from the bed.

"In about an hour I came back expecting to find the boy dead but he was still struggling. He looked up out of his eyes of death and said, 'There is no use, Wardmaster. I have got to die, and I haven't been born again. Whether you believe in it or not, won't you find the chaplain and let him tell me how to be born again?' I looked at him for a moment and thought about how helpless he was in the grip of death. So, I said, 'All right, my son. I will get you the chaplain.'

"I walked away a few paces and then turned and went back to the boy's bedside. I said, 'My boy. I am not going to get you the chaplain. I am going to tell you what to do myself. Now, understand, I am an agnostic. I don't know whether there is any God. I don't know whether there is any heaven. I don't know whether there is any hell. I don't know anything. Yes, I do. I know one thing. I know my mother was a good woman. I know if there is a God my mother knew Him. If there is a heaven I know she is there. So, I will tell you what my mother told me. You can try it and see if it works. Now, I am going to teach you a verse of Scripture. The verse is John 3:16. 'For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.' My mother said that I cannot save myself, but if I will believe in Jesus He will save me."

"I asked the boy to say the verse with me. I started and he followed with a weak and trembling voice. 'For God so loved the world,' 'For God so loved the world,' 'He gave His only begotten Son,' 'He gave His only begotten Son,' 'That whosoever believeth on Him,' 'that whosoever believeth on Him,' 'should not perish,' 'should not perish,' 'but have everlasting life,' 'but have everlasting life.' 'Now, my boy, my mother said if a person will trust Jesus he will not perish but have everlasting life.'

"I referred the lad to another verse my mother taught me, but he closed his eyes, stretched his hands across his breast and in a whisper he quoted slowly, repeating some of the words several times, 'For God so loved the world . . . He gave His only begotten Son . . . that whosoever, whosoever . . . whosoever believeth, believeth in Him, believeth in Him.' Then, he stopped and said with a clear voice, 'Praise God, Wardmaster, it works. I believe in Him! I shall not perish! I have everlasting life! I have been born again! Wardmaster, your mother was right. Why don't you try it? Do what your mother said. It works, Wardmaster. This thing works! Wardmaster, before I go I want to ask you to do something for me. Take a kiss to my mother and tell her what you told me, and tell her that her dying son said, 'It works.' I leaned over and kissed him in the mouth and then as he drew his last breath he said, 'It works.'"

The old man wiping tears out of his eyes and tears out of the wrinkles of his face, said, 'The lad was right. It does work. Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but has now everlasting life. It works. I know it works!'

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## City-Wide Revival

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afternoon and night, and following throughout the campaign.

We have twice daily radio services five days a week, with nearly an hour on Sunday. Some churches are dismissing all evening services. I was guest yesterday at luncheon with ten or eleven ministers, all very kind, all interested in the campaign and attending. The ministers conference of the city is not sponsoring the campaign, but all are invited to attend and help and many are doing so.

I continue here, God willing, in a three-week campaign through February 28th, and covet the readers' prayers that hundreds may be saved and God's people greatly blessed.

March 7-28 I am to be the guest of Rev. T. Myron Webb in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with revival services in the evenings, and with a daily broadcast each week day on the large radio KVOO, Tulsa, at 8:30 A.M., 1170 Kc. Since this station has a clear channel with 50,000 watts power, we believe readers of *The Sword* over most of the nation can hear us at that time. Listen to Brother Webb now, if possible, and keep note of the dates, hour, and tune to 117-on the dial.

March 30 through Easter Sunday, April 25th, I am to be engaged in a union revival campaign with twelve churches cooperating, at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Oh, may God send real revivals! May God lay it on the hearts of preachers and churches to unite, in great campaigns in big auditoriums, in great theater buildings, warehouses, and tents, that multitudes of poor, condemned, hungry-hearted sinners may hear the gospel, and be saved! May God's people everywhere pray, with confession, with humility, with repentance and tears, pray mightily till God pours out His blessings as He did in the days of Moody and Torrey and Billy Sunday, as he did with others in other days, when people honestly humbled themselves and prayed and sought God's face and turned from their wicked ways! May we claim and receive the blessing of II Chron. 7:14.

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